

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**Barbara A. LEWIS** )  
Plaintiff )  
 )  
v. )      **Case 2:07-cv-18 MHT**  
 )  
**UNITED STATES** )  
Defendant )

**JOINT MOTION TO CONDUCT  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE BY TELEPHONE**

Come the parties by counsel and move the Court to allow the settlement conference that the parties must hold by October 12, 2007, to be conducted by telephone. In support of this motion, the parties show:

1. Plaintiff's counsel, James M. Sizemore, Jr., has offices in Alexander City, Alabama, and in Montgomery, Alabama.
2. Defendant's counsel has his principal office in Washington, D.C.
3. According to mapquest.com, the offices of counsel are more than 780 miles from each other. The parties request, therefore, that the Court permit them to conduct the settlement conference by telephone rather than face-to-face.

THEREFORE, the parties move the Court to allow them to conduct the settlement conference required by SECTION 3 of the Court's scheduling order by telephone.

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